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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Kimbinh T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2671	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 27-42 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 27-32 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 33-42 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 • Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to amendment filed 08/03/2004.
2. Claims 27-42 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 33-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen et al. (5,359,712).

Claim 33, Cohen et al. teaches generating a source value (a first audio signal generated from the first stream; col. 51, lines 36-37); generating a multiple of destination values (a new movie 1315); Cohen does not teach multiplicity of destination values; however, Cohen teaches generating a destination value (an new movie 1315 having audio and video signals). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement a method for generating multiple destination value for displaying images, because it would create desired transition of images (col. 11, lines 40-41); and Cohen teaches generating a different transition from the source value to each of the destination values (generating a visual representation of each different rate transition; fig. 18, # 1810, #1815).

Claim 34, Cohen et al. teaches the different transition is a function of the source value and one of destination values (or combined movie) (figs. 18 and 23).

Claim 35, Cohen et al. teaches generating multiplicity of source values (fig. 18, #1801); generating a different transition from the source values to each destination values (fig. 22).

Claim 36, Cohen et al. teaches displaying a source image (first movie; fig. 27, #1305); displaying a destination image (new movie, #1315 fig. 27); and displaying plurality of transition images (#2511, 2711, #2713, 2715, #1717, #1719, #1721; fig. 27).

Claim 37, Cohen et al. teaches the source image is a function of the source value; wherein the destination image is a function of one of the destination values (figs. 19 and 20).

Claims 38-42, the rationale provided in the rejection of claims 33-37 are incorporated herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 27-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach displaying a first glyph, the first comprising a plurality of sub-glyph; manipulating the sub-glyph; and displaying a second glyph.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 27-42 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection and the rejection claims 27-32 are withdrawn (see the Office Action).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimbinh T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-9683. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

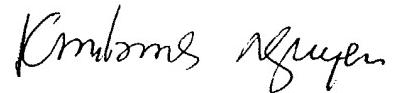
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Zimmerman, can be reached at (703) 305-9798. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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